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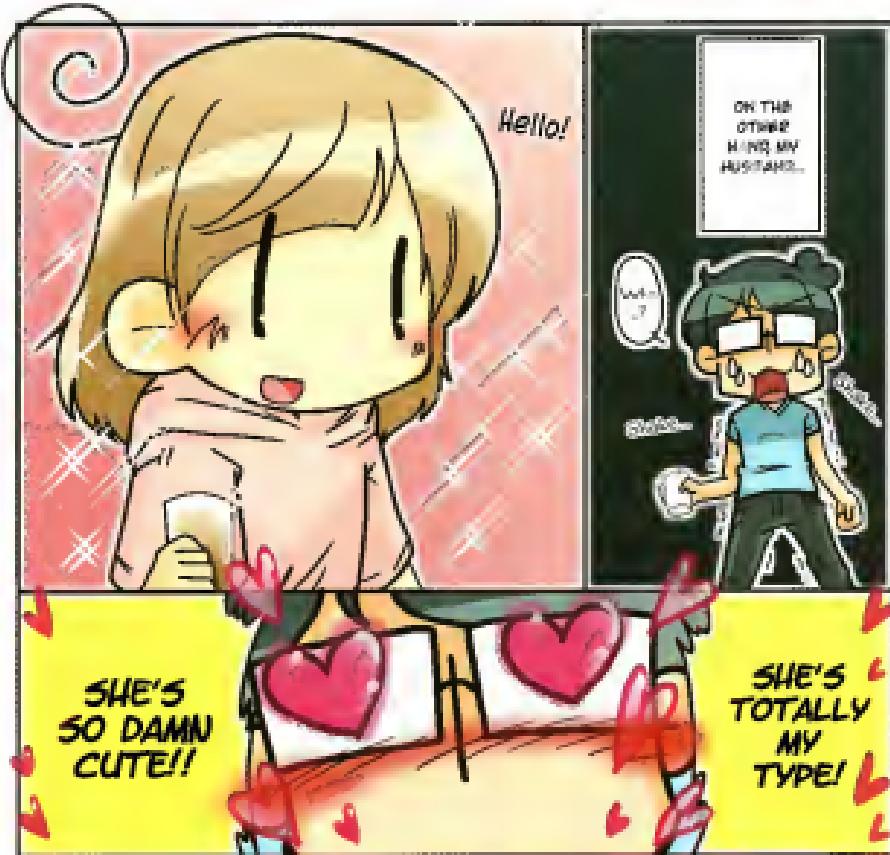
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HOW THE TWO
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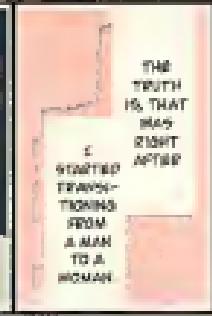




















BUT EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T SAY THIS UNTIL NOW,

Pretty much,

Looking back on it, that was a hilarious way of doing it.

THAT'S HOW WE STARTED DATING.

I FEEL BURNED BY THE FACT THAT I USED TO LIVE AS A GUY,

AT ANY RATE, SINCE I USED TO LIVE AS A GUY, IF SOMETHING LIKE MARRIAGE COMES UP,

HE'LL PROBABLY DUMP ME.

NEITHER OF US EVER THOUGHT ABOUT GETTING MARRIED AT THAT TIME

THEIR WAS A CERTAIN MOMENT WHEN HE STARTED THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE.

Because
Chii-chan's cute!

AND FOR SOME REASON, HE ALSO FELT MILDLY OBVIOUSLY ATTRACTED TO HER.

IF SOME GUY SHOWS UP THAT'S GOOD-LOOKING, RICH AND SMART,

SHIE'LL PROBABLY DUMP ME IN AN INSTANT.







RAINBOW FLAG

THIS FLAG IS USED TO SYMBOLIZE THE DIGNITY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING SEXUALITY AND GENDER.

THE MULTI-COLORED RAINBOW REPRESENTS THE DIVERSITY OF SEXUALITY.



A SMALL OVERVIEW

AND THE MULTI-COLORED RAINBOW REPRESENTS THE DIVERSITY OF SEXUALITY.

IT'S A FLAG WITH SIX COLORS OF THE RAINBOW, RED, ORANGE, GREEN, BLUE AND VIOLET.



RAINBOW FLAG

THE "SIX-COLORED RAINBOW" CONSISTING OF RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN, BLUE AND VIOLET IS PROBABLY THE MOST WIDELY-USED SYMBOL FOR VARIOUS SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS AND GENDER EXPRESSIONS. A RAINBOW-COLORED FLAG IS FLOWN TO SYMBOLIZE THE DIGNITY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING SEXUALITY AND GENDER.

IN ENGLISH, IT'S KNOWN AS THE RAINBOW FLAG, PRIDE FLAG, LGBT FLAG, AND GAY PRIDE FLAG, AMONG OTHER NAMES.

INCIDENTALLY, THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING IS LIT UP WITH RAINBOW COLORS DURING LGBT PRIDE EVENTS, AND WHEN GAY MARRIAGE WAS LEGALIZED IN AMERICA, THE WHITE HOUSE WAS ALSO LIT UP WITH RAINBOW COLORS.

THERE ARE A BUNCH OF OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN LIT UP WITH RAINBOW COLORS IN RELATION TO LGBT EVENTS, SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE LOOK THEM UP.

AS WELL AS VARIOUS SYMBOLS.

AND OTHER THAN THE RAINBOW, THERE ARE PRIDE FLAGS FOR OTHER SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS.

SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE LOOK THEM UP.



I ENVY PEOPLE THAT
UNDERSTAND BOTH THE
MALE AND FEMALE PSYCHE



NATURALLY, I THINK THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THEM, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME. I UNDERSTAND MY OWN PSYCHE... BUT WHEN PEOPLE TELL ME THAT THEY UNDERSTAND BOTH THE MALE AND FEMALE PSYCHE, IT MAKES ME WANT TO TELL THEM, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND EITHER OF THEM!" FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE PSYCHES ARE COMPLICATED.

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HER DAYS
AS A GUY



THAT
BOY
GROW
UP

BOTH
LOVINGLY
AND
RAPIDLY

AH!

A HUGE
EVENT
OCCURRED

GO PLAY
WITH THE
OTHER
BOYS!

DEEZY
YOU'RE
A BOY.

AT THE
TIME, I
WASN'T
THAT
AWARE

OF MY
OWN
"SEX".

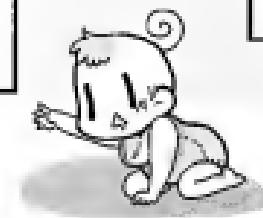
Hey
Hey

LET'S
PLAY
TOGETHER!

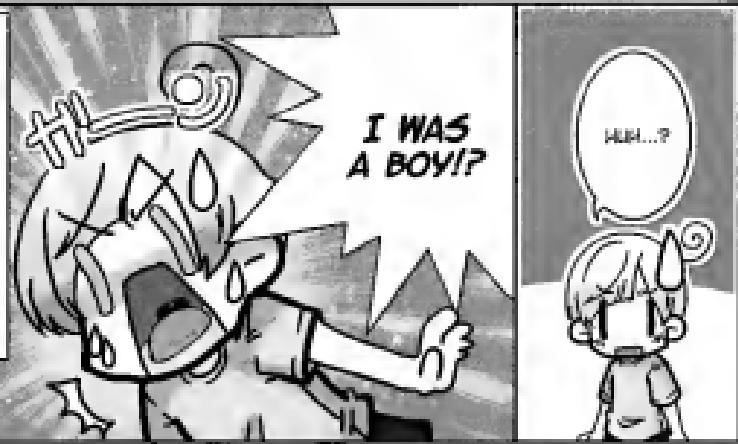
A BOY

Another

ONE
MOTHER
A CERTAIN
FAMILY
WELCOMED
THE BIRTH OF
THEIR THIRD
CHILD



LEARNING
THAT TRUTH
WAS A HUGE
EVENT
FOR ME.



ANSWER
COMMAND
DECODE

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AND HEAD
THE SHIP
OF MY
CLASS
SCHOOL.
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и сюда
путь
всю А-
зию и
моги
жидет
сюда я

didn't
really
think
too deeply
about
that much.

WILL, R.
WILL, R.
WILL, R.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I SHOULD
DO ABOUT
IT

WHEN I
WAS A
STUDENT

ALTHOUGH
I WAS
AWARE
OF MY
DISCOMFORT
WITH MY
BODY

IF I GO TO
A HOSPITAL
JUST LIKE
IT SAYS IN
HERE...

THIS IS!

FINALLY, I
LEARNED
ABOUT THE
TERM
"GENDER
IDENTITY
DISORDERS
(GID)".

What
is this
book?
GID?

UH... IT'S
NOT LIKE I
WANT TO
BE A CROSS
GENDER...

AT THE TIME, DEAG GIBBINS WAS TREATED
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THOSE WITH GID



ONE "NORMAL", "NICE-CURVY" AND "PEACHY" FEEL LIKE THEY CLEARED OF A LITTLE BIT.

WHEN I LEARNED ABOUT GID, THE THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY THE PHYSICALLY WITH MY BODY.

BUT I'M NOT QUITE LIKE THESE PEOPLE!

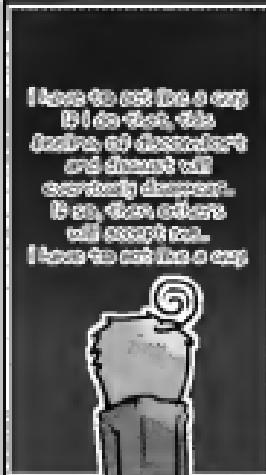
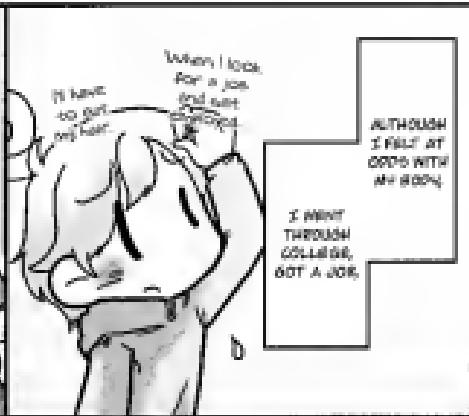
MY BODY DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.

AFTER CHATTING ONLINE, IN BOOKS, ON TV, AND ON BLOGS,

EVEN THOUGH I LOOKED THROUGH VARIOUS EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE WITH GID...

EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE VARIOUS WAYS PEOPLE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THEIR BODY AND HOW THEY FELT IT, OPPORTUNITIES THEY ENDED UP DEPRESSED HAD THIS

DO I NOT HAVE GID...?







When I got the notification from the courthouse, a text. 'The incident regarding a name change has been approved.'

There's been an incident!!

AND THEN I CHANGED MY MALE NAME

TO MY DESIRED FEMALE NAME.

THAT WAS THE MOMENT I FELT I HAD TO WORK HARD SO AS TO LIVE UP TO MY NEW NAME.

IT'S JUST AS HARD ON ME FOR GIVING YOU THAT NAME IF YOU'RE BOTHERED BY IT

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU GAVE ME BORN I WAS BORN

I'M SORRY ABOUT CHANGING THE WONDERFUL NAME

CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS LIVING AS A WOMAN.

AFTER THAT I SMOOTHLY

BUT THIS
IS WHAT A
FRIEND EVER
HAD SINCE
GRADE
SCHOOL
TOOK ME

THE
PRESENTATION
IS FOR A
MOM

Ah,
that's
me.

I'm sorry, but
without the
actual person
here,

SOMETIMES,
I GOT
DEFENSIVE
AND CLEN
UP AGAINST
A WALL

WITH THINGS
HAVING TO DO
WITH SOCIETY
AND
INSTITUTIONS,

THE RIGHT
CHOICE FOR
YOU, CHI?

TRANSITIONING
WAS TOTALLY

YEAH

YOU
THINK
SO?

HUH?
REALLY?

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SO HAPPY!

AFTER ALL,
YOU LOOK



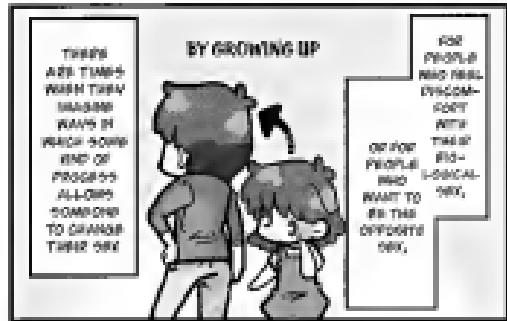
AT THAT
TIME, I
FELT THAT
TRANSI-
TIONING

WAS A STEP
TOWARDS
HAPPINESS
FOR ME

Eh heh heh!
Really?

Yeah!

x-ths



Thinking about
it now, I had
quite the
imagination.





She could have art
least had the ego worth
a color that's a little
more low-key.





Coming out
isn't the end
in fact, it's only
the beginning!

COMING OUT
IS REALLY
DIFFICULT...



An image of me right
before I came out



GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER (GID)

THIS IS THE MEDICAL NAME FOR AN ALIGNMENT WHERE SOMEONE'S BIOLOGICAL SEX DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THEIR SELF-EXPRESSED GENDER, WHICH LEADS TO CONTINUOUS DISCOMFORT WITH THEIR BODY, AND THE DESIRE TO MAKE THEIR BODY CONFORM WITH THEIR SELF-EXPRESSED GENDER.

IT'S ALSO CALLED "GID" FOR SHORT.



BUT WHETHER SOMEONE DECIDES TO PHYSICALLY TRANSITION OR NOT IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH PERSON.

GID IS A DIAGNOSIS THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL TREATMENT WITH SUCH THINGS AS PRESCRIBING HORMONES.

AND ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK BEING UNCOMFORTABLE WITH YOUR BIOLOGICAL SEX IS AN ALIGNMENT THAT SHOULD BE CURED.

There are a lot of opinions, so it's really difficult.

ALSO, EVEN THOUGH MEDICAL TREATMENT IS REQUIRED,

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK IT'S NOT IN AND OF ITSELF A DISEASE OR A DISORDER.

This is the guideline for the American Psychiatric Association.

THE DSM-5 PRESENTED IN 2013

CHANGED "GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER" TO "GENDER DYSPHORIA".

Even in Japan, it seems like the name change is moving forward incrementally.

GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER (GID)

IT'S ALSO REFERRED TO AS "CONFLICT BETWEEN THE MIND AND BIOLOGICAL SEX", BUT THAT'S PRONE TO BEING MISUNDERSTOOD, SO EVEN THOUGH IT'S PERSONALLY A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR ME, I'LL TRY TO OFFER A PROPER OVERVIEW.

OFTENTIMES, PEOPLE WHO BRING UP GID WILL LINK IT TO GETTING A SEX CHANGE, BUT WHETHER SOMEONE DECIDES TO TRANSITION OR NOT IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH PERSON.

ALSO, THE DSM-5 GUIDELINE PRESENTED IN 2013 BY THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION CHANGED "GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER" TO "GENDER DYSPHORIA".

THIS ISN'T A MENTAL ILLNESS SO IT'S NOT CALLED A "DISORDER", BUT COUNSELING AND APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE FOR PHYSICALLY TRANSITIONING IS NECESSARY, SO NOW IT'S CALLED "GENDER DYSPHORIA".

THIS IS BEING ACCEPTED EVEN IN JAPAN, AND REPHRASING IT LITTLE BY LITTLE HAS BEEN ON THE RISE.

YOU WANTED TO WEAR
STUFF LIKE SKIRTS, RIGHT?



CLOTHES AS A FORM OF GENDER EXPRESSION IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH PERSON. JUST AS THERE ARE WOMEN WHO LIKE MASCULINE OR BOYISH FASHION, DIFFERENT PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT TASTES. AND SO, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERYONE WHO USED TO BE A GUY LIKES WOMEN'S FASHION. INCIDENTALLY, I ALSO WEAR SKIRTS NOW, BUT WHEN I WAS A KID, I DIDN'T REALLY ADMIRE SKIRTS OR RED BACKPACKS.

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HER ROMANTIC
SITUATION WHEN
SHE WAS A GUY



Writing about
my past love life is
so embarrassing



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

I COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH
LEWD CONVERSATIONS
AND I FELT STRANGELY
FLUSTERED



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

BEING CALLED
"HOMOSEXUAL",
"QUEER",
"GAY", ETC.

But I didn't really feel like a
gay or even feel that ours
and I were the same sex, so
that stuff didn't really hit
home with me.



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

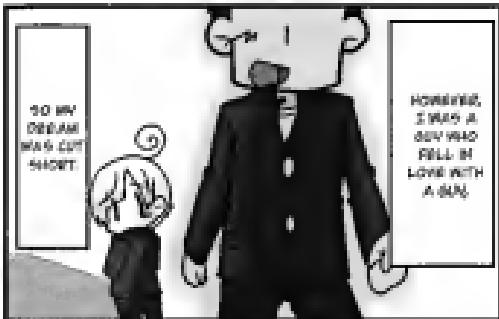
I WAS AFRAID OF BEING JUDGED, SO I HID MY FEELINGS



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

THE FACT THAT I CAN'T MARRY THE ONE I LOVE

This is a harsh truth for someone who's gone through the pangs of love at the height of love.



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

UNLIKE VALENTINE'S DAY, I WASN'T TOO KEEN ABOUT WHITE DAY



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY®

A SECRET RELATIONSHIP

It's not that I was embarrassed by it. I just didn't want others to reject our relationship.



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

A CONFESSION FROM A GIRL

I can't turn her down, by telling her I can't fall in love with girls.

Oh my gosh...



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY.

EVEN THOUGH I WANT
TO JOIN IN WHEN
OTHERS TALK ABOUT
LOVE, I CAN'T.



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

BEING SET UP TO GO TO A MIXER

I set up
a mixer
for you

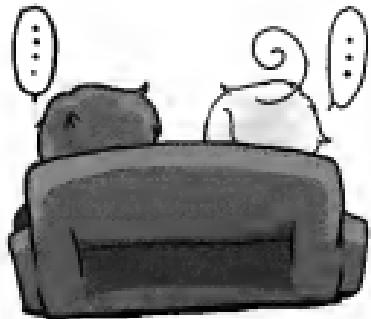


MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

It was a little difficult being unable to talk about the future with my boyfriend

Talking about the future was nearly taboo



MY DILEMMAS WITH LOVE WHEN I WAS A GUY

MY WIFE MISREMEMBERS HOW MANY PEOPLE SHE'S DATED



L LESBIAN:
FEMALE HOMOSEXUALITY

G GAY:
MALE HOMOSEXUALITY

B BISEXUAL:
BOTH HETEROSEXUAL
AND HOMOSEXUAL

T TRANSGENDER:
WHEN PERSON'S IDENTITY DOESN'T
MATCH THE BIOLOGICAL SEX

LGBT IS A
TERM CREATED
FROM THE
INITIALS OF
THESE FOUR
SEXUAL
AND GENDER
ORIENTATIONS



WHICH ALSO
REPRESENTS
A VARIETY
OF SEXUAL
AND GENDER
ORIENTATIONS



AND YET
ANOTHER
VERSION THAT
SEPARATES
SEXUAL
ORIENTATION
AND GENDER
IDENTITY INTO
"LGBTQ"
AND
"TQOTD".

THERE ARE ALSO
VERSIONS THAT
ADD IN OTHER
ORIENTATIONS
LIKE "LGBTQ+",
"LGBTQI+",
AND
"LGBTQIA+", ETC.



AND AS
TERMS
THAT
SPEAK TO
THE DIVERSITY
OF THESE
THINGS.

AS TERMS
THAT SPEAK
POSITIVELY OF
SEXUAL AND
GENDER
ORIENTATIONS.

"LGBT" IS A TERM USED TO
REPRESENT VARIOUS SEXUAL AND
GENDER ORIENTATIONS, BUT I HAD
ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT
LGBT MEANT FOR PEOPLE WHOSE
ORIENTATIONS DIDN'T APPLY
TO BEING L, G, B OR T.

A SHORT TIME LATER, "LGBTQ"
WAS INTRODUCED WITH A PLURAL "S",
SO AS TO REPRESENT THE VAST
SPECTRUM OF ORIENTATIONS.

I FOUND IT SO MOVING HOW
THIS COULD BE USED FOR
VARIOUS ORIENTATIONS NOW.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE ALSO
PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO BE IN
THE "LGBTQ" CATEGORY, SO YOU NEED
TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT USING IT.

THE TRUTH IS, I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT
THE TERM "LGBTQ" UNTIL I WAS AN
ADULT. IF IT HAD BEEN LISTED MORE
IN STUFF LIKE THE MEDIA OR IN
EDUCATION, NOW I FEEL THAT
I WOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED
TO TAKE ANY DETOURS.



Chi's Transition Game of Life

START!!

1 1, 2?

BIRTH

WAIT
ONE
TURN

DECIDING TO
TRANSITION

PRACTICALLY
LIVING AS A
WOMAN

WAIT
ONE
TURN

WALK AWAY

MASS
STUDENT

Muslim Wives

CHANGE MY
MALE NAME TO A
FEMALE NAME

WAIT
ONE
TURN

GOAL!!

LEGAL
TRANSITION
COMPLETED

MY HUSBAND
PROPOSED

MARRIAGE

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HER SURGERY

THIS IS
ABOUT when
I went to
Thailand
to get
surgery



SURGERY IS KINDA SCARY.

I DON'T WANT TO DO IT RIGHT NOW.

I would like
surgery now tho.

TO BE HONEST IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO GET GAY REASSIGNMENT SURGERY FROM THE START.

HOWEVER,

ONCE I STARTED MY FULL-THROAT TEAVINITION...

I just save up some money and look things up on it for the time being.

SO I'LL THINK ABOUT IT ONCE I WANT TO DO IT.

I MIGHT WANT TO DO IT IN TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THIS MIGHT BE THE RIGHT TIME TO GET THE SURGERY.

I really don't want this disease anymore.

6 MONTHS IN

But I'm still thinking it over.

This surgery is really yo' time baby.

9 MONTHS IN

This surgery is wanted in this body.

9 MONTHS IN





WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

SHE'S
GOING TO
THAILAND,
RIGHT?

I DON'T THINK
ABOUT IT THAT
DEEPLY, BUT
WHAT'S THE
SUCCESS RATE
FOR THAT
SURGERY?

I CAN'T TAKE
AN EXTENDED
VACATION ALL
OF A SUDDEN
NEXT MONTH!

ISN'T SHE
SICK
OVER IT
UNTIL JUST
THE OTHER
DAY?

WAIT A
SECOND.
DON'T SHE
DECIDE A
LITTLE TOO
FAST?

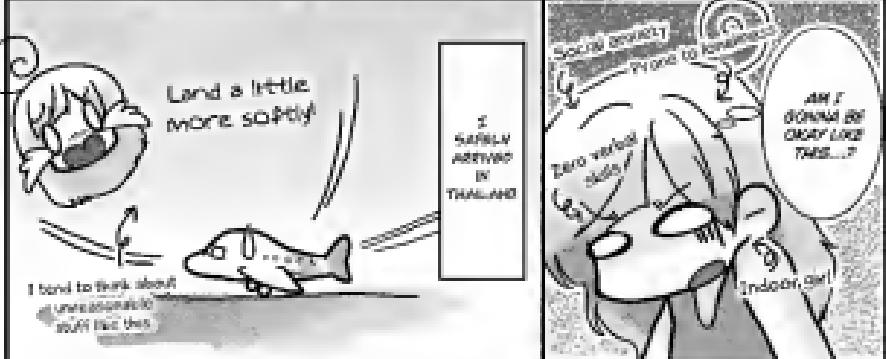
THIS IS STILL
A PUZZLING
OCCASION
IN WHICH TO
DECIDE TO
GET MARRIED.

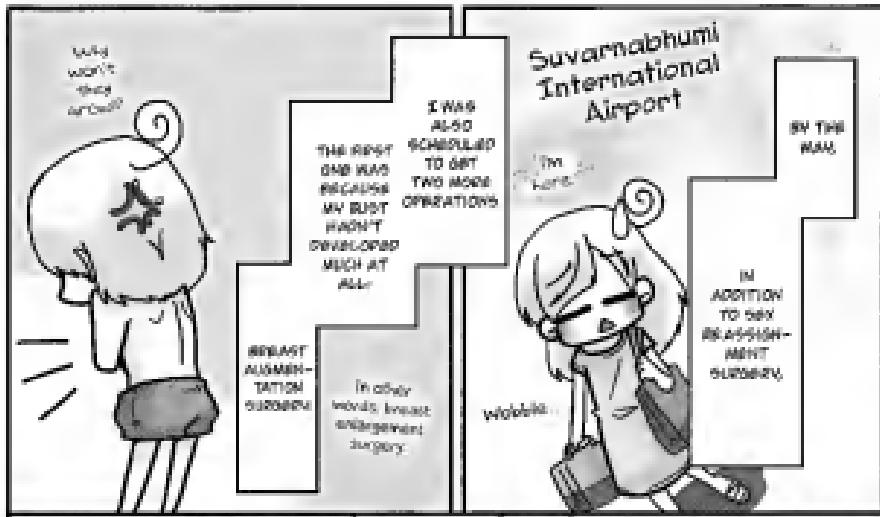
I'M
GONNA
MARRY
HER!

ALL
RIGHT.

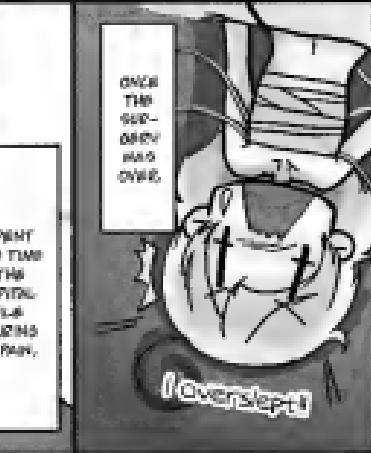
I TOOK
A TRIP TO
THAILAND
TO HAVE THE
SURGERY.

AND SO
ONE
MONTH LATER,









THAT WENT
BY IN A
FLASH...

It finally started
to sink in...







BUT IT REALLY
TOOK A LOAD
OFF MY MIND.

I cried for a while

IT WAS
A SHORT
PHONE
CALL.

SO I
WANTED TO
ALWAYS BE
WITH HIM.

NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT IT
THIS MIGHT HAVE
BEEN THE MOMENT
WHEN I GENUINELY
THOUGHT ABOUT US
GETTING MARRIED.

I FEEL THAT
THERE WASN'T
ANYONE ELSE
WHO LOVED
ME THE WAY I
AM AS MUCH
AS THIS.

OF
ANYONE
ELSE
WHO WAS
WAITING
THAT
FOR ME
LIKE THIS.

NEXT TIME, I
WANT US TO
TAKE A TRIP
TO THAILAND
TO HAVE A
GOOD TIME
TOGETHER.

BUT I
SARILY
RETURNED
HOME.

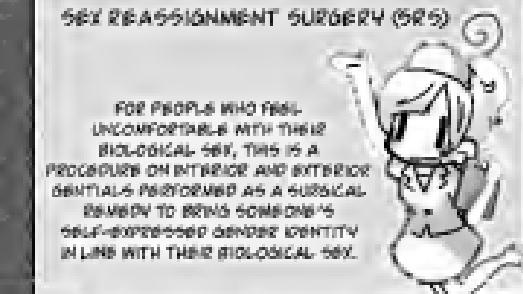
Like being
connected to
tubes again,
dealing with
some swelling
that wouldn't
easily go down,
and dealing with
the pain from
a breast
massage.

THERE
WAS SOME
STUFF THAT
HAPPENED
AFTER
THAT.



SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY (SRS)

FOR PEOPLE WHO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL SEX, THIS IS A PROCEDURE ON INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR GENITALIA PERFORMED AS A SURGICAL REMEDY TO BRING SOMEONE'S SELF-EXPRESSED GENDER IDENTITY IN LINE WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL SEX.



A SMALL OVERVIEW



SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY (SRS)

I'M OFTEN ASKED, "IS THAT DIFFERENT FROM A SEX CHANGE OPERATION?" THAT'S WHAT IT USED TO BE CALLED.

BUT FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF SOMEONE'S OWN GENDER IDENTITY, IT HAS TO DO MORE WITH A FEELING OF "RESTORING ONE'S CORRECT SEX" INSTEAD OF "CHANGING ONE'S SEX", SO "SEX CHANGE" IS BEING PHASED OUT.



BUT WITHOUT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS NOT, THE SURGERY CAN'T BE PERFORMED.

IT'S KNOWN AS SRS FOR SHORT, AND IS ALSO KNOWN AS "SEX REALIGNMENT SURGERY", "SEX READJUSTMENT SURGERY", AND "SEX AFFIRMATION SURGERY".

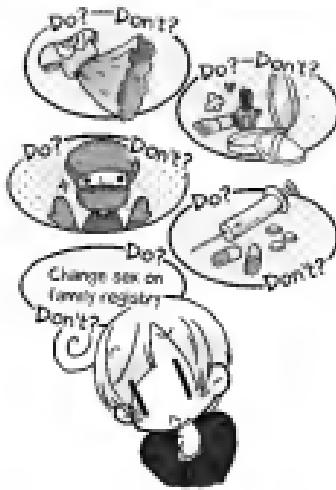
ALSO, ALTHOUGH THAILAND IS KNOWN FOR SRS, IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET THE OPERATION IN JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, TOO.

IN RELATION TO THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE, IT CAN BE FAIRLY DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE COUNTRY AND REGION WHERE THE SURGERY

IS PERFORMED, THE STATE OF SOMEONE'S BODY, AND AVAILABLE CLINICS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. IN ADDITION, THINGS SUCH AS THE PRICES, PROCEDURE NAMES, AND REQUIREMENTS WILL ALSO BE DIFFERENT.

WHEN I WAS PLANNING TO GET THE SURGERY, I PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO WHAT CLINIC TO CHOOSE AND WHAT KIND OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES TO HAVE.

EVERYONE WHO CHANGES
THEIR SEX GETS SURGERY
AND EVEN GETS THEIR SEX
LISTED ON THEIR FAMILY
REGISTRY CHANGED, RIGHT?



PEOPLE OFTEN SAY THIS, AND THAT'S ALSO WHAT I THOUGHT UP UNTIL I STARTED TRANSITIONING. BUT IN ACTUALITY, AFTER TALKING TO VARIOUS PEOPLE, IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT FOR EACH PERSON. LET ALONE THOSE WHO DON'T LEGALLY CHANGE THEIR SEX. I WAS ALSO SURPRISED HOW MANY PEOPLE DON'T GO THROUGH SEX REASSIGNMENT THERAPY SUCH AS GETTING SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY, AND THERE ARE EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT. I WAS SO MOVED THAT THERE ARE OPTIONS LIKE THAT. HOWEVER, ON THE OTHER HAND, I'VE ALSO HEARD OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DO IT BUT CAN'T, AND EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO DO IT BUT HAVE TO, SO THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF ISSUES RELATED TO IT. SO FOR NOW, PLEASE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO TRANSITION, NOT EVERYONE GETS SURGERY OR CHANGES THEIR SEX ON THEIR FAMILY REGISTRY.

the Bride was
a boy
Chapter.5

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MY
HUSBAND'S
PROPOSAL

would
you
marry
me?



THERE WAS A
MOMENT WHEN I
THOUGHT ABOUT
US GETTING
MARRIED.

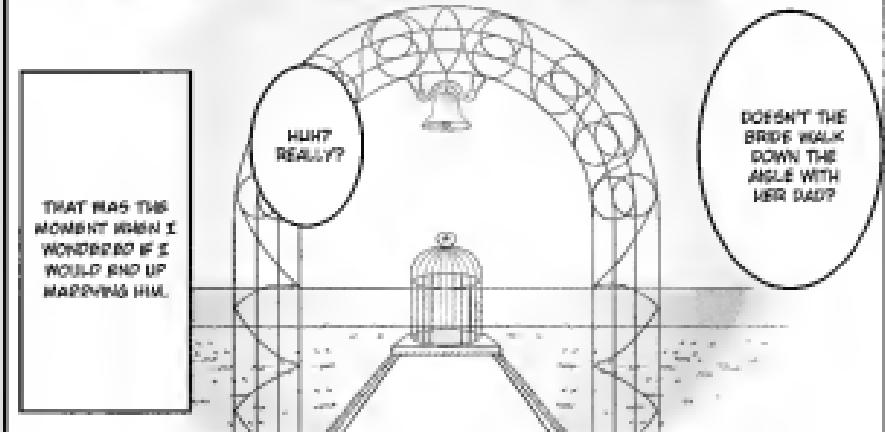
BEFORE I WENT
TO THAILAND
TO HAVE SEX
REASSURANCE
SURGERY.

THIS IS SO
ROMANTIC!)

WOW!

AND EVEN FOR
HIM, I FIGURED
HE HADN'T
THOUGHT
ABOUT GETTING
MARRIED TO ME
FOR THAT
REASON.

SINCE I USED
TO BE A GUY, I
HAD THOUGHT
I WAS FAR
REMOVED
FROM GETTING
MARRIED.



THAT WAS THE MOMENT WHEN I WONDERED IF I WOULD END UP MARRYING HIM.



HOW DOES
EVERYONE
FIGURED OUT
THE RING ISN'T
FOR THE LEFT
RING FINGER?

THIS IS
WHAT I THINK
EVERYONE
IS SEEING
PROPOSAL
SCENES ON
TV AND IN
OTHER MEDIA.

HEY,
I WAS
THINKING.

AND SO,
THE WAY
HE FIGURED
OUT MY BIAS
SIZE WAS
SURPRISINGLY

I DON'T WEAR
ANY ACCESSORIES.

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
MINE.

He
really is
clueless.

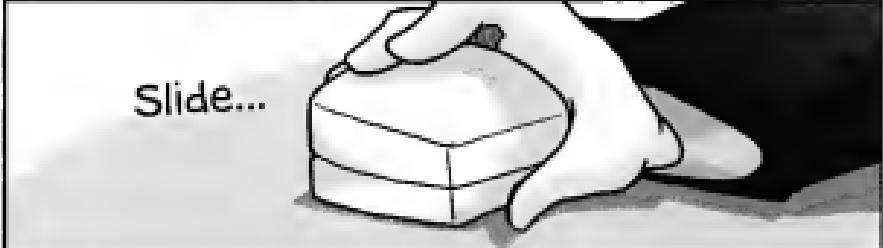
REALLY
DIRECT

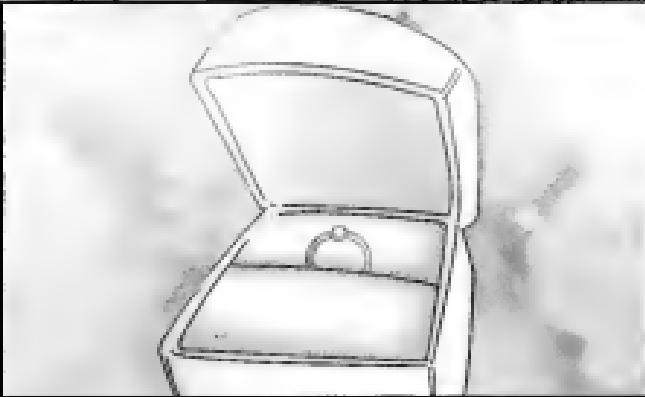
I WANT TO
GET A PAIR
OF WATCHING
RINGS
FOR OUR
LEFT RING
FINGERS.
SO HOW
ABOUT WE
GO TO AN
ACCESSORY
SHOP
TOGETHER?











Let's always
be together

A
MESSAGE
CARD?

!!!

SO,
THIS IS...

Giggle

Ahaha...

Nod
Nod Nod
Nod Nod
Nod

!!!

A
PROPOSAL,

RIGHT?

TO THINK
HE'D GIVE
A SILENT
PROPOSAL
FROM START
TO FINISH
BECAUSE
HE WAS SO
NERVOUS...

HE
REALLY

IS A
CLUMSY
GUY.

THANKS
FOR

"LET'S
ALWAYS BE
TOGETHER."

WHY DID YOU
PROPOSE
BEFORE WE ATE?

BY THE
WAY,

AN-
OTHER
DAY

HE REALLY IS
A CLUMSY
GUY...

I DIDN'T WANT
YOU TO THINK
IT WAS BECAUSE I
WAS DRUNK.

AAHH...

I WAS SO
HAPPY THAT
I FORGOT TO
GIVE HIM A
REPLY.

I didn't
say he?

Eh?
Huh?

And your
reply is?

IN THIS
MAN,
AFTER HE
PRO-
POSED,



TRANSITIONING (TRANS)

THIS HAS TO DO WITH SOCIALLY OR PHYSICALLY SWITCHING ONE'S SEX.

FROM A MEDICAL STANDPOINT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA, THIS IS OFTEN CALLED "TREATMENTS" BUT THE PERSON INVOLVED WILL OFTEN SAY THEY ARE "TRANSITIONING" OR REFER TO THEMSELVES AS "TRANS".



SOCIALLY TRANSITIONING

- THIS ALLOWS SOMEONE TO EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH IT AND CONSIDER CORING METHODS RELATED TO IT THROUGH REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES
- THIS IMPROVES MENTAL STABILITY AND IN LOW SELF-ESTEEM, AND INCREASES QUALITY OF LIFE, AMONG OTHER THINGS



TRANSITIONING

PEOPLE WHO SOCIALLY OR PHYSICALLY SWITCH THEIR SEX ARE SAID TO BE "TRANSITIONING" OR ARE OTHERWISE SIMPLY CALLED "TRANS".

"SOCIALLY TRANSITIONING" ALLOWS SOMEONE TO LIVE THEIR LIFE AS THEIR DESIRED GENDER, AS WELL AS ALLOWING SOMEONE TO EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTIES AND CORING METHODS RELATED TO IT. THE MAIN GOAL IS TO IMPROVE MENTAL STABILITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

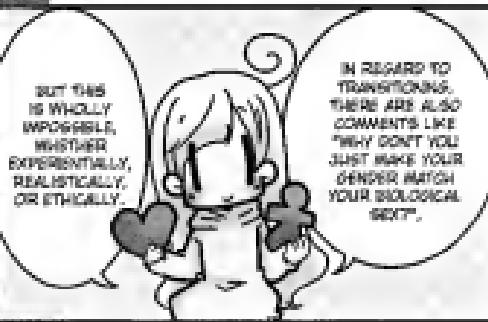
PHYSICALLY TRANSITIONING

- BY BEING PRESCRIBED SEX HORMONES THROUGH HORMONE THERAPY, SOMEONE CAN GET CLOSER TO THE PHYSICAL TRAITS OF THEIR DESIRED GENDER
- FOR TRANSITIONING RELATED TO ORGANS/ORGAN TISSUE, THIS CAN INCLUDE SURGERY INCLUDING A MASTECTOMY (REMOVAL OF BREAST TISSUE), BOLUST AUGMENTATION (SURGERY INVOLVING ENLARGEMENT OF BREASTS), ETC.



THERE ISN'T A FIXED WAY TO DO THIS, AND IT DIFFERS DEPENDING ON EACH PERSON. FOR INSTANCE, SOMEONE WHO ENGAGES IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPENDING TIME AT WORK AS THEIR DESIRED GENDER, OR SOMEONE WHO ONLY LIVES AS THEIR DESIRED GENDER ON THEIR DAYS OFF.

"PHYSICALLY TRANSITIONING" AMPS UP THE RISK FOR SOMEONE TO LIVE AS THEIR DESIRED GENDER, IN ADDITION TO REDUCING AND IMPROVING UPON THE SUFFERING THAT COMES FROM THE DISCOMFORT FELT WITH ONE'S BIOLOGICAL SEX.



IN REGARD TO TRANSITIONING, THERE ARE ALSO COMMENTS LIKE "WHY DON'T YOU JUST MAKE YOUR GENDER MATCH YOUR BIOLOGICAL GEND?"

INCLUDING THINGS LIKE COUNSELING AND SURGICAL PROCEDURES, APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE IS NEEDED, BUT WHETHER SOMEONE DOES THIS OR NOT ALSO DIFFERS DEPENDING ON EACH PERSON.

SOMEONE'S TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IS ALSO CALLED THE PERIOD WHEN THEY RECONCILE THEIR GENDER AND BODY, AND HOW MUCH SOMEONE TRANSITIONS OR IS ABLE TO RECONCILE IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH PERSON.

WHERE DOES AN EX-GUY FIND WORK?



WHEN THE SUBJECT OF TRANS PEOPLE FINDING WORK COMES UP,

I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO IMAGINE THEM WORKING AT A GAY BAR OR AS A TRANSEXUAL SEX WORKER, BUT JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE USED TO LIVE AS A GUY AND IS NOW TRANSITIONING DOESN'T MEAN THEY HAVE TO ASSUME THAT LINE OF WORK, SO IT REALLY DEPENDS ON THE PERSON INVOLVED.

SOME TRANS PEOPLE WORK IN AN OFFICE, IN THE SERVICE INDUSTRY OR EVEN IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEWIVES AND HOUISHUSBANDS.

the Bride was
a boy
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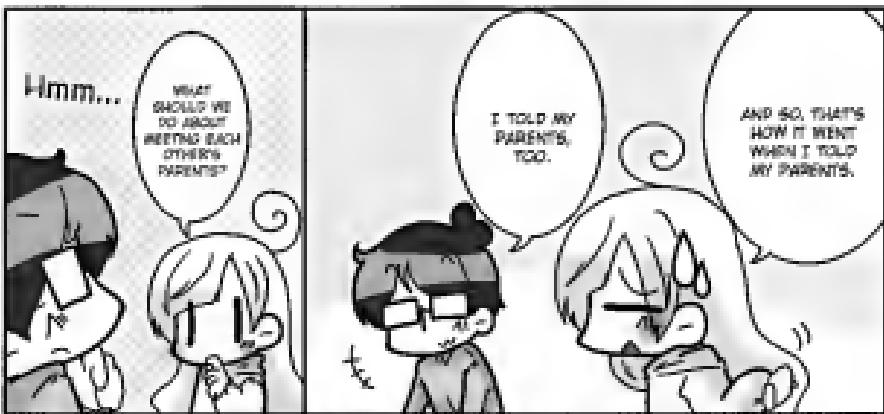
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MY HUSBAND
MEETS MY
PARENTS











THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
MEANT!!?

BECAME
THEIR
DAUGHTER.

AFTER
THEIR
SON.

SHE
BRINGS
ALONG
A GUY

WHO WILL
BE THEIR
SON.



THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
MEANT!!?



I KNEW IT'S
PROBABLY THE
SON.

BUT OH
WELL.

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
MEANT!!?

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
MEANT!!?

NOW HE'S
NERVOUS
??

WE'RE
HERE.

HEY!!?

DING
DONG





FOR YOUR
DAUGHTER'S
HAND IN
MARRIAGE.

BUT
I'M HERE
TODAY
TO ASK

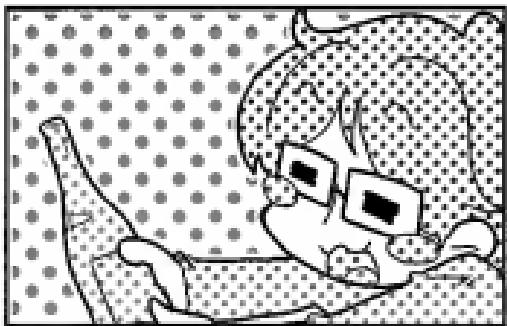
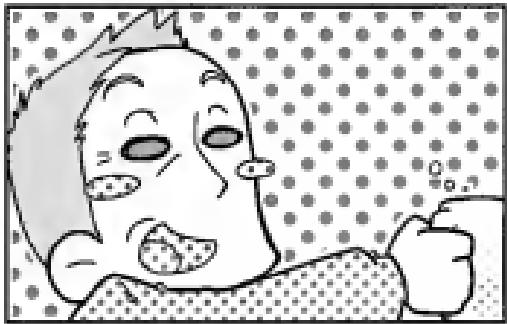


PLEASE

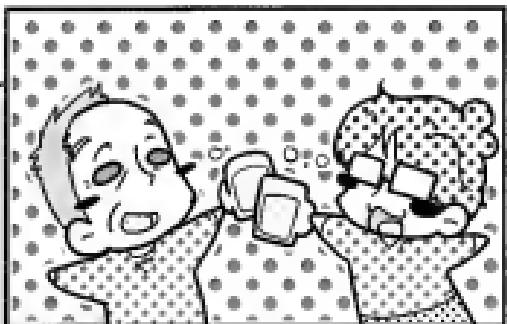
SO IT'S A
PLEASURE
TO FINALLY
MEET BOTH
OF YOU.

PLEASE TAKE
CARE OF OUR
DAUGHTER.





Is he gonna
be like Dad in
the future?



TRANSGENDER

THERE ARE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS, BUT THIS HAS TO DO WITH A "TRANSGENDER PERSON".

I'VE SEEN THINGS LIKE

"TRANSGENDER (OR GENDER DYSPHORIA)" OR "TRANSGENDER (OR MISMATCHED GENDER AND SEX)", BUT THESE ARE INCORRECT, SO WATCH OUT FOR THESE.

THOSE AREN'T
MY PREFERRED
DEFINITIONS.



PEOPLE WHO FEEL
UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH THEIR
BIOLOGICAL SEX,

PEOPLE WHO HAVE
OR HAVEN'T HAD SEX
REASSIGNMENT SURGERY,
OR PEOPLE WHO DO OR
DON'T WANT TO DO IT,

AND PEOPLE WHO
DON'T CONFORM
WITH THEIR
GENDER ROLE.

PEOPLE WHO
ONLY DRESS AS A
CERTAIN GENDER,

PEOPLE WHO ARE
GENDER FLUID,

PEOPLE WHO ARE
TRANSITIONING IN SOME
WAY OR WHO WANT TO,

SO A
"TRANSGENDER
PERSON"
CARRIES WITH
IT A BROAD
DEFINITION.

THERE ARE
A LOT OF
CASES WHEN
SOMEONE
IS CALLED
"TRANSGENDER".

THE
GENERAL
IDEA DIFFERS
DEPENDING
ON THE
COUNTRY
OR REGION.

SO I
THINK IT'S
OKAY TO GIVE
IT A LIBERAL
DEFINITION

WHEN
SPEAKING OF A
"TRANSGENDER
PERSON".

TRANSGENDER

AS THE "IT" IN LOST, THERE'S
BEEN INCREASED COVERAGE
ON TV AND IN OTHER MEDIA.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE A LOT OF
MISLEADING DEFINITIONS SUCH AS
"TRANSGENDER (GENDER DYSPHORIA)"
OR "TRANSGENDER (MISMATCHED
GENDER AND SEX)", SO I FIND
THIS VERY TROUBLING.

AS AN EQUIVALENT TERM,
"TRANSGENDER PERSON"
IS MORE APPROPRIATE.

IN THAT CASE, IF YOU ASK "WHAT
KIND OF PERSON IS A TRANSGENDER
PERSON?", SOME PEOPLE LIKE ME
PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY AND LEGALLY
TRANSITION, AND INCLUDING THOSE
WHO ONLY DRESS AS A CERTAIN
GENDER, THOSE WHO ARE GENDER
FLUID, OR THOSE WHO DO OR DON'T
FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THEIR
BIOLOGICAL SEX, "A PERSON WHOSE
GENDER OR SEX IS IN TRANSITION"
CARRIES WITH IT A BROAD DEFINITION.

AND SO, IT'S NOT ONLY LIMITED TO
SOMEONE WITH "GENDER DYSPHORIA"
OR SOMEONE WHOSE "GENDER AND
SEX ARE MISMATCHED".

STRICTLY SPEAKING, THERE ARE
OFTEN SUBTLE DIFFERENCES DEPENDING
ON THE COUNTRY OR REGION, SO I
THINK IT'S OKAY TO LIBERALLY TREAT
THE SUBJECT AS "A PERSON WHOSE
GENDER OR SEX IS IN TRANSITION".

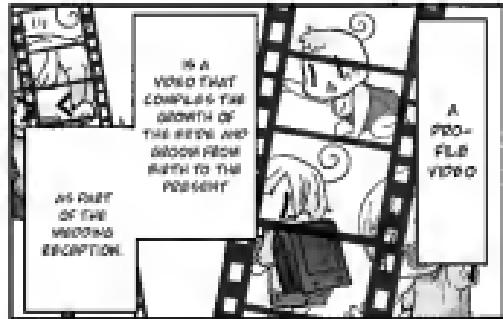




A bride
bravely
eats a
rice ball.
It is so surreal

I GOT
THROUGH
IT BY
EATING
A RICE
BALL.







There's so much to worry about.

And I'm worried about Dad getting drunk.



IF YOU'RE GAY OR
TRANSGENDER, YOU MUST
HAVE GOOD TASTE



I DRAW ILLUSTRATIONS AND STUFF, BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH IN THE WAY OF GOOD TASTE. INSTEAD OF JUST BEING LIMITED TO PEOPLE WHO ARE GAY OR TRANSGENDER, I THINK ANYONE WITH A LOT OF IMAGINATION WHO DOESN'T ADHERE TO ESTABLISHED CONVENTIONS IS SAID TO HAVE "GOOD TASTE" IN GENERAL, AND I ALSO THINK THAT THOSE PEOPLE EASILY STAND OUT. I WISH THEY WOULD SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF THAT TASTE WITH ME, TOO.

SEXUAL MINORITY / SEXUAL MINORITIES

THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY IN THE MINORITY IN REGARD TO SEX AND GENDER. THIS PUTS THEM AT A DISADVANTAGE IN SOME WAYS WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THEIR SEX OR GENDER.

IN JAPAN, IT'S ALSO KNOWN AS A "SEXUAL MINORITY GROUP" AND IS SHORTENED TO "SM".

IT'S A
NIGHT
WORD
TERM.

SEXUAL
DESIRERS
SUCH
AS BISEX
ARE ALSO
INCLUDED.

BUT IN
ACTUALITY,
INSTEAD OF IT
JUST BEING
LIMITED TO
LGBT BY WAY
OF SOMEONE'S
SEXUALITY
OR GENDER
IDENTITY.

IT'S OFTEN
USED AS
ROUGHLY
EQUIVALENT
TO "LGBT".

STRICT SPEAKING, WRITING
A GULP AS "SEXUAL MINORITY
LGBT" IS INCORRECT.

BUT ON THE
OTHER HAND,
THERE ARE
ALSO A LOT
OF PEOPLE
WHO FEEL
UNCOMFORTABLE
ABOUT BEING
CATEGORIZED AS
A "MINORITY".

COMPARED
TO HOW
LIMITED
LGBT IS,

THERE ARE
A LOT OF
PEOPLE WHO
LIKE TO USE
IT BECAUSE
OF THOSE
BROAD
IMPLICATIONS.

SO IT ISN'T
USED MUCH
INTERNATIONALLY.

THE TERM HAS
NEGATIVE AND
EXCLUSORY
IMPLICATIONS,

I don't
like it
much
either



SEXUAL MINORITY

IN JAPAN, IT'S ALSO KNOWN AS A "SEXUAL MINORITY GROUP" AND IS SHORTENED TO "SM".

THIS CARRIES THE NUANCE OF BEING SOCIALLY IN THE MINORITY WITH REGARD TO SEX AND GENDER, BUT IN THE MEDIA, IT'S OFTEN USED AS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO "LGBT". AND I'VE SEEN IT WRITTEN AS "LGBT SEXUAL MINORITY", ALTHOUGH STRICTLY SPEAKING, THIS IS INCORRECT.

IN CONTRAST WITH "LGBT", WHICH HAS TO DO WITH SOMEONE'S SEXUALITY OR GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL DESIRES ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN "SEXUAL MINORITY", SO IT HAS VERY BROAD IMPLICATIONS.

DUUE TO THE NEGATIVE IMAGE ATTACHED TO A "MINORITY" LABEL AND THOSE BROAD IMPLICATIONS, IT'S NOT USED VERY OFTEN INTERNATIONALLY, AND I DON'T USE IT AS EQUIVALENT TO "LGBT", EITHER.



ISN'T THAT THE SAME
AS HOMOSEXUALITY?



THEY'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT. HOMOSEXUAL LOVE IS HOMOSEXUAL LOVE, GENDER DYSPHORIA IS GENDER DYSPHORIA, TRANSGENDER IS TRANSGENDER, AND I'M ME. THE WAY I'VE EXPLAINED IT IN A FEW WORDS IS THAT "HOMOSEXUALITY HAS TO DO WITH THE SEX OF YOUR PARTNER AND GENDER DYSPHORIA HAS TO DO WITH YOUR OWN SEX", BUT IF I WENT INTO DETAIL ABOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY, IT'D BE A VERY LONG EXPLANATION, SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT THEM AS "TOTALLY DIFFERENT".

the Bride was
a boy
Chapter.7

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AN EX-GUY
BECOMES
A WIFE



THE TRUTH IS,
I WAS STILL
LISTED AS
"MALE" ON
MY FAMILY
REGISTRY.

Ahaha~

Family
Registry
Male

ALTHOUGH HE
PROPOSED
TO ME AND
PREPARATIONS
FOR THE
WEDDING WERE
UNDETERRED,

Depending
on the clinic,
the period of
time for the
counseling
varies

YOU HAVE
TO TAKE
COUNSELING
FOR A FIXED
PERIOD
OF TIME.

FOR THE
DOCTOR
TO WRITE
THE
NOTICE.

THAT YOU
SUBMIT TO A
COURTHOUSE

YOU NEED A
MARRITAL
SPECIALIST
TO WRITE A
NOTICE

TO CHANGE
THE SEX
LISTED ON
YOUR FAMILY
REGISTRY

I WAS
STILL IN THE
MIDDLE OF MY
COUNSELING
AT THE TIME.

THEN THE
SEX ON YOUR
FAMILY
REGISTRY
WILL BE
CHANGED

IF THIS
GIVEN
APPROVAL,

AND GO
THROUGH
SOME
INTER-
VIEWS,

AFTER YOU
SUBMIT THE
NECESSARY
DOCUMENTS
TO THE
COURTHOUSE





AND SO, I SAFELY GOT THE DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO CHANGE MY SEX.

IT OFTEN ENDS UP LIKE THIS

WHAT KIND OF COUNSELING AM I EVEN NEEDING?

DOCUMENTS

SURE.

I'D LIKE A COPY, PLEASE.

Success!
Congratulations!

AND THE COURTHOUSE OFFICIALLY APPROVED THE LEGAL CHANGE OF MY SEX.

Second daughter

RELATIONSHIP
SECOND DAUGHTER



IT'S BEEN
SUCH A LONG
ROAD.



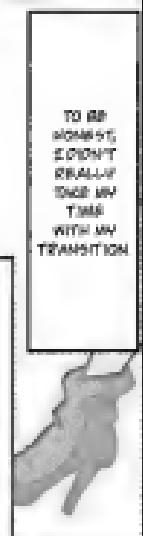
BUT I
HAD ALSO
BADLY
WAITED
FOR THAT
MOMENT.



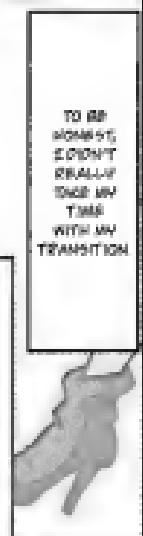
SO I
HADN'T
PUT MUCH
THOUGHT
INTO WHAT
ONE WAS
LISTED ON
MY FAMILY
REGISTER AT
THAT POINT.



I WAS
ALREADY
LIVING AS
A WOMAN.



TO BE
HONEST,
I DIDN'T
REALLY
TAKE MY
TIME
WITH MY
TRANSITION



IN FACT,
I DID IT
REALLY
QUICKLY.



MY MOM
BOUGHT A
CAKE THAT
DAY TO
CELEBRATE.



AT ANY RATE,
THAT WAS THE
MOMENT WHEN
I WANTED TO
CONGRATULATE
MYSELF.

WE
WERE
SUPPOSED
TO GET
CERTIFICATES
LIST YOUR
SEX, SO WE
WAITED TO
MARRY UNTIL
AFTER I
LEGALLY
CHANGED
MY SEX.



AFTERWARDS,
BEFORE WE
GOT OUR
MARRIAGE
LICENSE OR HAD THE
WEDDING
CEREMONY,

WE MOVED
INTO OUR
NEW HOME

UM...

CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
MARRIAGE.

THEY WEREN'T
ANY PROBLEMS,
SO EVERYTHING
LOOKS GOOD.

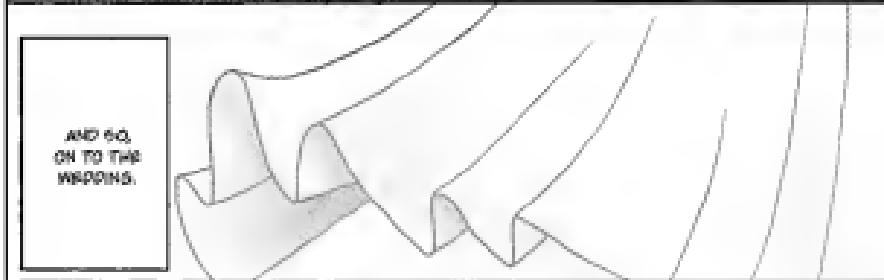
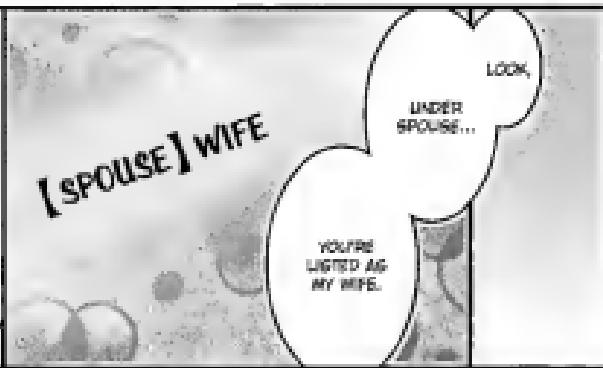
AND
THEN...

SO DO YOU
MIND WAITING
ONE TO TWO
HOURS?

IT'LL TAKE A
LITTLE WHILE
UNTIL YOUR
MARRIAGE
REGISTRATION
IS UPDATED.

NOT AT
ALL!

COULD I
HAVE A
COPY OF
OUR FAMILY
REGISTRY?



THE ACT ON SPECIAL CASES IN HANDLING
GENDER FOR PEOPLE WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA

AKA: "THE GENDER DYSPHORIA SPECIAL CASES ACT",
"THE SPECIAL CASES ACT", ETC

ROUGHLY SPEAKING,
IT'S A LAW THAT ALLOWS
SOMEONE TO CHANGE
THEIR SEX ON THEIR FAMILY
REGISTRY IF CERTAIN
CONDITIONS ARE MET.



FROM
MALE TO
FEMALE.

Family
registry
FEMALE

BECAUSE OF
THIS ACT, I
WAS ABLE
TO CHANGE
MY SEX ON
MY FAMILY
REGISTRY.

BUT THE
FACT IS THAT
THIS LAW HAS
HELPED A LOT
OF PEOPLE.

OR
CRITICISM
ABOUT
THE FAMILY
REGISTRY
SYSTEM AND
THE LAW
ITSELF.

SUCH AS THE
CONDITIONS
STIPULATED
TO CHANGE
ONE'S SEX.

THERE ARE
STILL VARIOUS
ARGUMENTS
SURROUNDING
IT.

THE SPECIAL CASES ACT
WAS ENACTED IN 2003,
SO IT'S STILL A VERY NEW LAW.

AS WELL AS
IN AMERICA AND
CANADA DEPENDING
ON THE STATE OR
PROVINCE, THERE
ARE LAWS THAT
ALLOW THE LEGAL
REVISION OR
CHANGES OF
ONE'S SEX.

BY THE WAY,
IN FOREIGN
COUNTRIES AS IN
EUROPE WITH
ENGLAND, ITALY,
SWEDEN AND OTHERS.

A Sandi Overview Expanded Edition
**ABOUT THE LAW
HAVING TO DO WITH
CHANGING ONE'S
SEX ON A FAMILY
REGISTRY**

I'LL BE GIVING A SURPRISINGLY
SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE
"LAW HAVING TO DO WITH CHANGING
ONE'S SEX" THAT I LIGHTLY
TOUCHED ON IN THE MAIN STORY.

The
explanation
spans seven
pages.



CONDITION:
THE PERSON HAS
GENDER DYSPHORIA

RECEIVED A
DIAGNOSIS OF
GENDER
DYSPHORIA
FROM AT
LEAST TWO
DOCTORS.

BUT IN SHORT,
BASED ON THE
GUIDELINES IN
THIS LAW, IT
ONLY APPLIES
TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE

THE
LAW IS
HARD TO
UNDER-
STAND.

AND SO, SOMEONE WHO IS
TRANSGENDER OR WHO IS
TRANSITIONING DOES NOT
NECESSARILY HAVE
GENDER DYSPHORIA.

WHENEVER I SEE
TRANSGENDER (GENDER
DYSPHORIA), IT GIVES ME
THIS GLOOMY FEELING.

This
happens
quite
a lot.

DON'T
MAKE IT
SEEM LIKE
IT'S ONLY
OKAY FOR
APPEARANCE
THOSE WITH
GENDER
DYSPHORIA
TO TRANSI-
TION.

AND IT'S
INCON-
VENIENT
IF MY
SEX AND
LEGAL
SEX ARE
DIFFERENT

BUT THERE
AREN'T
THAT MANY
DOCTORS
WHO WILL
EXAMINE
ME!

IT'S NOT LIKE
EVERYONE WHO
TRANSITIONS
OR WANTS TO
TRANSITION ARE
DIAGNOSED.

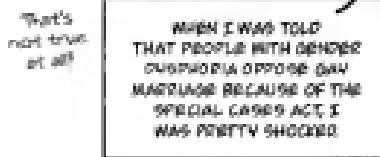
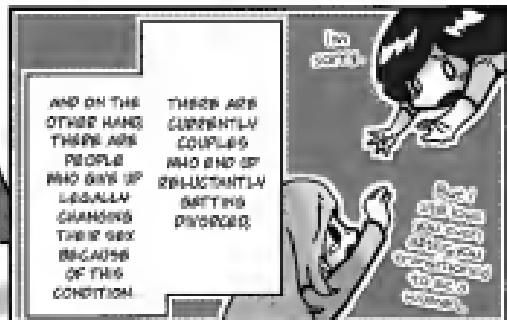
AND
THERE ARE
SOME OTHER
CONDITIONS
THAT PEOPLE
HAVE
QUESTIONED,
TOO.

FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH,
THIS IS
THE MAIN
PREMISE
BEHIND
THIS LAW.

CONDITION:
THE PERSON IS NOT
CURRENTLY MARRIED



ALSO, IT PAINS ME THAT THIS SORT OF MAKES IT SEEM LIKE THOSE WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA OPPOSE THE LEGALIZATION OF GAY MARRIAGE.

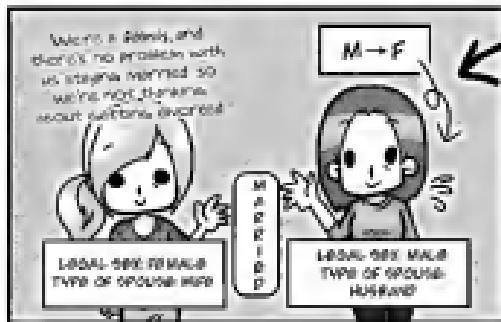




"YOU'RE AT THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED!"
"YOU'RE HALF A PERSON IF YOU'RE NOT MARRIED!"
"YOU STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN MARRIED!"
"MARRIAGE BEHIND A WOMAN HAPPINESS!"
"A MAN ATTRIBS FULL MANHOOD ONCE HE HAS A FAMILY!"



NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, YOU FEEL PRESSURED WHEN SOMEONE FORCES THEIR VIEWS OF MARRIAGE ON YOU.



CONDITION:
SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA
SPECIAL CASES ACT

CONDITION.
THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE
GONADS OR PERMANENTLY LACKS
FUNCTIONING GONADS.

CONDITION.
THE PERSON'S BODY POSSESSES
GENITALIA THAT GLOOMY RESEMBLES
THE BODY OF ANOTHER SEX.

AND I ALSO FEEL GLUMY HOW
"PEOPLE WHO TRANSITION" IS
SEEN AS SYNONYMOUS WITH
"SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY"

Come
on, tell
me!
Hey, Hey! Are you
some sort summary?
Or have you already
done it? What's it
like down there?

It's not sex reassignment
surgery in that
this method doesn't

THE
CONDITION
HAS TO
DO WITH
GETTING SEX
REASSIGNMENT
SURGERY.

THE WAY IT'S
WRITTEN IS
HARD TO
UNDERSTAND,
BUT
ROUGHLY
SPEAKING,



ALSO, THIS
EXPLANATION
IS FROM 2016.

THE OTHER
CONDITIONS THAT
SAID "THE PERSON
IS AT LEAST
20 YEARS OLD"
AND "THE PERSON
DOES NOT
CURRENTLY HAVE
A CHILD WHO IS
A MINOR" ARE
BOTH IN DISPUTE.

OF
PEOPLE
WHO
DON'T
WANT
TO GET
SUBSTITUTED
AMONG
OTHERS,
CANT
LEGALLY
CHANGE
THEIR GENDER
AT PRESENT

THIS
CONDITION
MEANS THAT
PEOPLE WHO
CAN'T GET
SUBSTITUTED
TO VARIOUS
REASONS,





THAT ACCEPTS DIVERSITY AND THE VARIOUS WAYS GENDER EXISTS IN THE WORLD.

THE LAW IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO MAKE A SOCIETY



ABOUT
THE SPECIAL
CASES ACT.

FOR THE END OF
THIS CHAPTER,
I'LL POINT OUT
SOMETHING
REALLY ANNOYING

BECAUSE
I HAVE
AN OLDER
SISTER...

I'M NOT
LISTED
AS THE
SECOND
DAUGHTER

THIS
IS MY
FAMILY
TREE.

DAD

MOM

SECOND SON

SECOND
DAUGHTER

ELDEST
DAUGHTER

ELDEST
SON



SO
BASIC-
ALLY,

I WAS THE
"SECOND SON",
SO NOW I'M
THE "SECOND DAUGHTER"

WHETHER
I HAD
OLDER
SIBLINGS
OR NOT.

IM LISTED AS
THE "SECOND
DAUGHTER"
BECAUSE I
WAS THE
"SECOND SON".

SECOND
DAUGHTER

AND THIS
IS ONE
REASON WHY
THE SPECIAL
CASES ACT
IS CALLED
"OVERBEARING".

THIS
STUFF
HAPPENS
A LOT.

PEOPLE WHO
LIBERALLY
CHARACTER
SPLITTING
LISTED ME IN
THE
HEAD OF THE
FAMILY AND
GOLD FAMILY
REGISTER

ELDEST
DAUGHTER

SECOND
DAUGHTER

THIRD DAUGHTER
→
THIRD SON

THERE'S A THIRD SON
EVEN THOUGH THERE
ISN'T AN ELDEST SON
OR A SECOND SON!

THERE ARE TWO
ELDEST DAUGHTERS!

ELDEST
DAUGHTER

ELDEST SON
→
ELDEST
DAUGHTER

ISN'T IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR A MAN TO LIVE
AS A WOMAN?

That's what I had
also thought, but
it's surprisingly
feasible!



WHEN I WAS A GUY, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO LIVE AS A WOMAN, BUT I WAS ABLE TO DO IT. IT'S SURPRISINGLY DOABLE. NATURALLY, SKILL AND TECHNIQUE ARE NECESSARY, BUT I ACQUIRED THOSE THINGS BY JUST LIVING MY LIFE, SO I THINK THAT IN ITSELF IS THE RESULT OF MY EFFORTS, TOO. IF I COULD TELL MYSELF SOMETHING BACK WHEN I WAS A GUY, IT'D BE, "IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE, SO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!"

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THE BRIDE
USED TO BE
A GUY



Well be in your
hands today



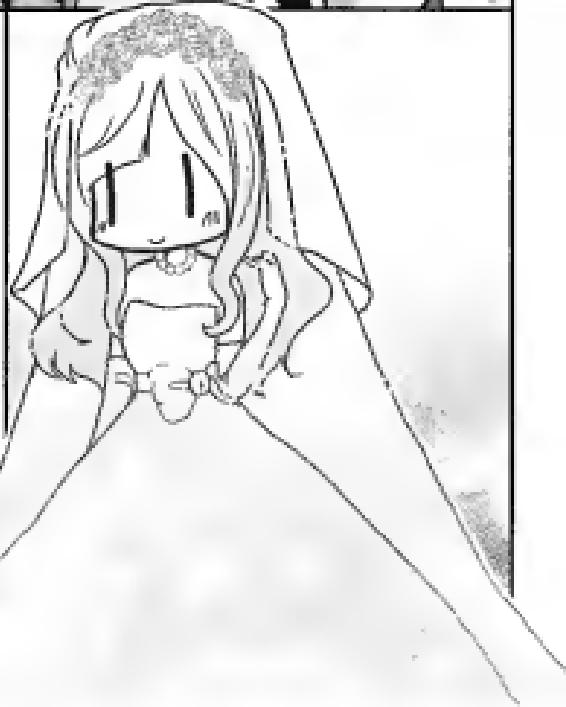
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THE DAY OF
THE WEDDING.

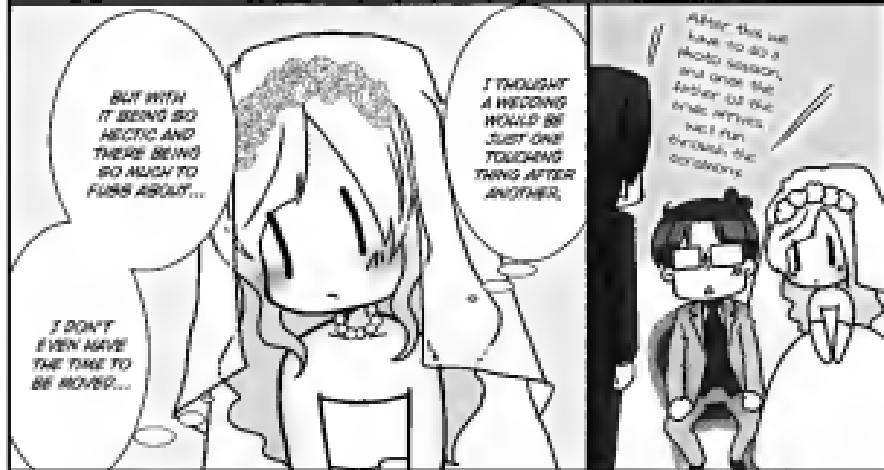
CHI-CHAN,
MY PARENTS
ARE HERE...

ANAL, WAIT
THERE A
SECOND.

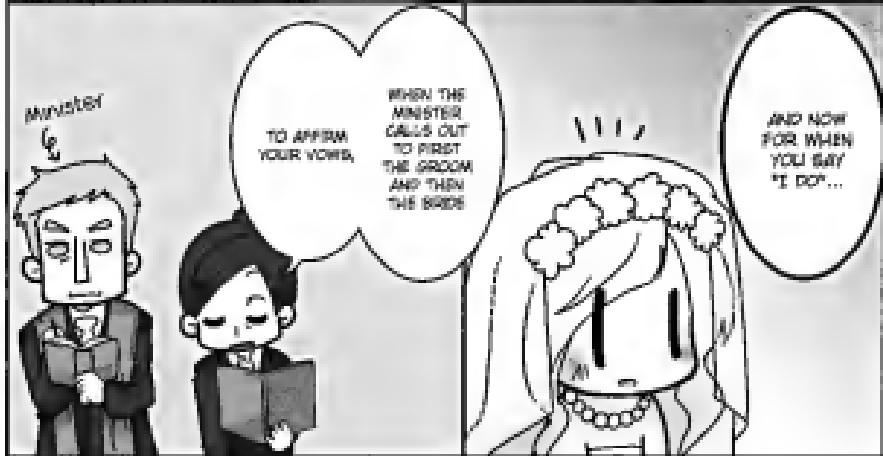
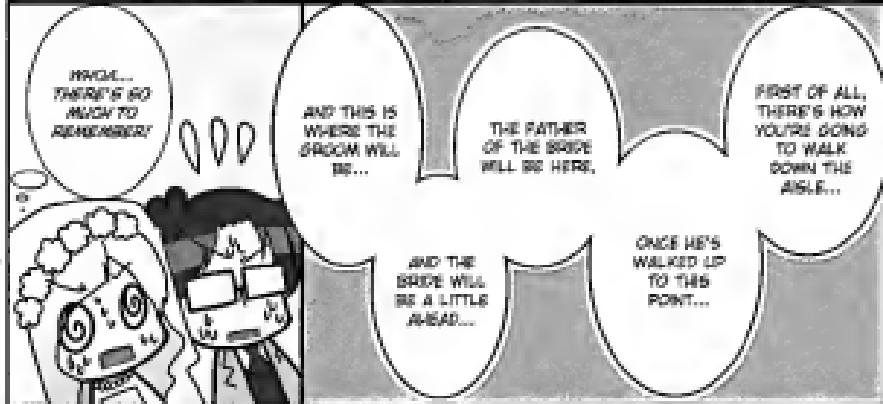


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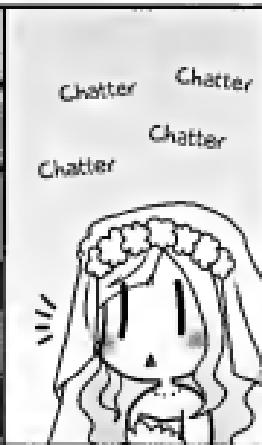












Glance...



Silence



TO TREAT
ME AS HIS
SON
THAN AS
MY SON

He's typically
reserved

BUT FOR SOME
REASON, THE
ILL FEELINGS
CLEARED UP
AND WE
DEFINED OUR
RELATIONSHIP
AFTER I
TRANSITIONED

THE
TRUTH IS,
BECAUSE
OF OUR
DIFFERENT
SET OF
VALUES AND
WAYS OF
THINKING,

FOR MY DAD,
I THINK
HE FOUND
IT MORE
COMFORTABLE

MY DAD AND
I DIDN'T SEE
EYES TO EYES
WHEN I WAS
A SON.

HE TOTALLY
FORGOT THAT
I USED TO BE
HIS SON.

...AH! I
SEE WHAT
YOU MEAN.

DOWN THE
Aisle AS THE
FATHER OF THE BRIDE.

I BET
YOU NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU WOULD EVER WALK
ANOTHER
DAUGHTER

...and
DAD...not
anything
else with a
one-word
label...



We're ready.
so please
come this
way

Open

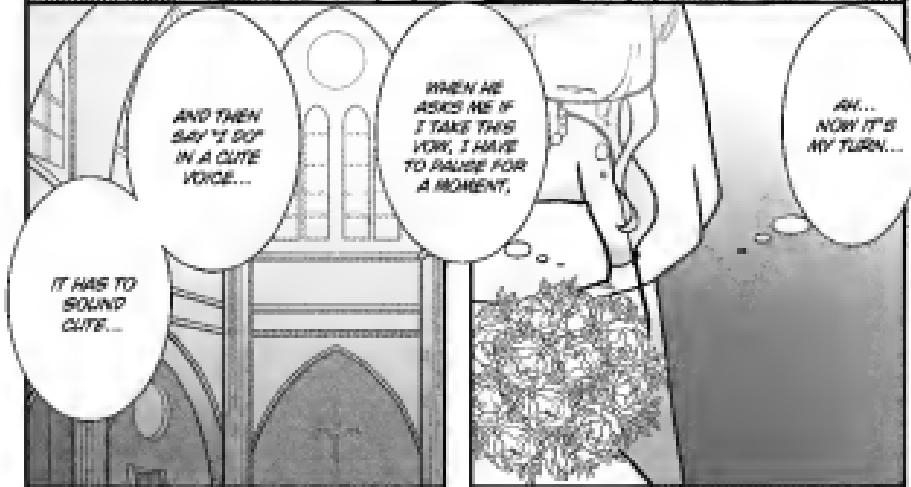


Flustered father and daughter









I DO...

YES...

BUT
WE WERE
BLESSEDLY

JOINED IN
MARRIAGE

I COULDN'T
SAY IT
OUTLUD AT
ALL BECAUSE
OF THE FLOOD
OF TEARS.





DID YOU BECOME A WOMAN
BECAUSE YOU LIKE MEN?

Instead of it being
because I like men,
it more has to do
with my desire to
be a woman.

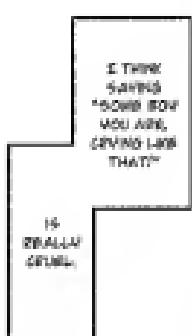


THERE MAY ALSO BE PEOPLE LIKE THAT, BUT I'M NOT ONE OF THEM.
IN MY CASE, INSTEAD OF IT BEING BECAUSE I'M ROMANTICALLY
INTERESTED IN MEN, THE REASON I DECIDED TO TRANSITION HAD
MORE TO DO WITH THE STRONG DISCOMFORT AND DISGUST I FELT
ABOUT BEING MALE. THESE KINDS OF FEELINGS ARE RATHER
DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE PERSON, SO IT'S UNFORTUNATE
THAT I CAN ONLY TALK ABOUT MY OWN SITUATION, THOUGH...

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ABOUT BEING
A MARRIED
COUPLE





What's wrong with boys crying, too?





My husband did that! And then my husband did that! And then

ONCE THE MAN WAS REBACHING, I COULDN'T STOP



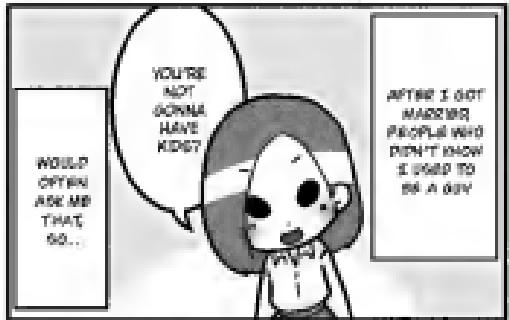
What?

How about we calm down a little bit?









I think it's different depending on the person, but for me, putting it like this fits me best!!

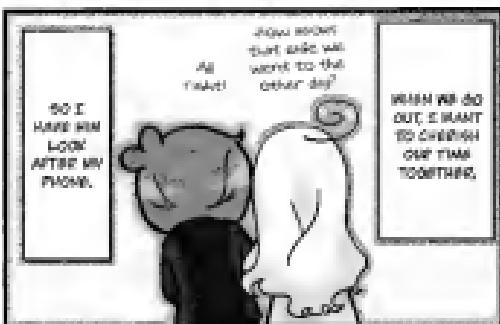


I'm known as
"The type to leave
it up to fate".











To note:
From top to bottom, these kanji pairs are for
"Husband & Husband",
"Husband & wife",
"Wife & wife",
and
"Wife & Husband".
They can all be read as
"夫夫".



AND I NEVER
IMAGINED THAT
I WOULD END
UP MARRIED TO
YOUNG ONE AS
"HUSBAND AND WIFE".

ONCE
AGAIN

WHEN I
WAS A GIRL
GETTING
MARRIED WAS
BEYOND MY
WILDEST
DREAMS.

THAT'S
A LOT TO
TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT,
BUT BE THAT
AS IT MAY

I FEEL
EXACTLY
THE SAME
WAY

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO OUR
CONTINUED
LIFE
TOGETHER.

INCLUDING
SOCIAL
LAWS AND
INSTITUTIONS,

WE'RE A
MARRIED
COUPLE.

DID YOU ENJOY "HANAYOME WA MOTODANSHI?"

AT FIRST, I STARTED THE BLOG TO WRITE DOWN MY THOUGHTS, BUT ALONG THE WAY, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF I TURNED MY EVERYDAY LIFE AS AN EX-GUY INTO A 4-PANEL MANGA, SO IT TURNED INTO A 4-PANEL MANGA BLOG, AND THAT'S WHAT ALSO LEAD TO THIS BOOK COMING TOGETHER LIKE THIS.

WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT STUFF LIKE SEXUALITY AND GENDER, I'M SURE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THOSE ARE VERY COMPLICATED AND SENSITIVE SUBJECTS, AND THEY ARE. THEY'RE COMPLICATED AND SENSITIVE, BUT THAT'S WHY THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT THEM, AND WHY I BELIEVE THEY'RE SO INTERESTING, VIBRANT, FRESH AND EVEN EDUCATIONAL.

LASTLY, TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE PUBLICATION OF THIS BOOK, EVERYONE WHO FAITHFULLY READ THIS BOOK, EVERYONE WHO READS MY BLOG AND SUPPORTS ME, MY FATHER, MY MOTHER, MY FAMILY, AND ALSO TO MY HUSBAND FOR HIS SUPPORT IN GETTING THIS PUBLISHED, I'LL USE THIS SPACE TO OFFER MY GRATITUDE.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

-WIFE, CHII



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PICKING UP
"HANAHOMB WA MOTODANSHI" THIS IS HER HUSBAND

WHEN MY WIFE TALKED TO ME ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
HER BLOG BEING TURNED INTO A BOOK, ALTHOUGH I WAS
JUST AS HAPPY ABOUT IT AS MY WIFE, I THOUGHT THAT
MAKING A BOOK WOULD BE PRETTY HARD, AND DEEP DOWN,
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT IT.

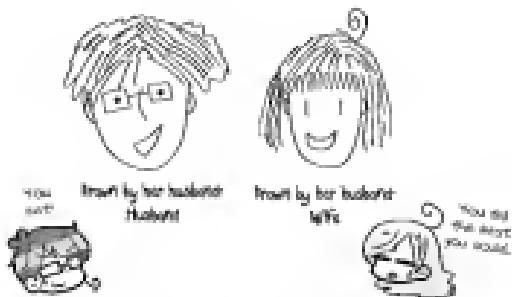
PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, DRAWING FOR A COMIC ESSAY
IS DIFFERENT THAN DRAWING FOR A BLOG, SO AFTER
GOING THROUGH SOME TRIAL AND ERROR, WHENEVER I
SAW MY WIFE STRESSING OVER IT, I THOUGHT THAT
MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HADN'T
ENCOURAGED HER TO PUBLISH A BOOK.

HOWEVER, ONCE SHE DECIDED TO PUBLISH A BOOK, I WORKED
HARD AT GATHERING UP THINGS TO SAY TO HER THAT WOULD
EASE THE EXHAUSTION IN HER EYES AND SHOULDERS, AND
I DEVOTED MYSELF TO SUPPORT HER IN ANYTHING OTHER
THAN DRAWING IT. IT'S SURPRISING HOW MUCH MY ARTISTIC
ABILITY GOES BEYOND BEING UNIQUE, AFTER ALL (HAHA).

ALSO, I MAY APPEAR LIKE A PERFECT PERSON IN THE STORY,
BUT THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE MY WORRIES AND CONCERNS, TOO.
WHEN I WAS GOING TO PROPOSE TO HER, I HAD PLANNED FOR
IT TO BE A DRAMATIC PROPOSAL, BUT IT ENDED UP EXACTLY
LIKE HOW IT'S TOLD IN THE STORY (HAHA).

I WANT US TO STAY HAPPILY MARRIED ALL
THE WAY UNTIL WE'RE AN OLD MAN AND WOMAN.

-HUSBAND



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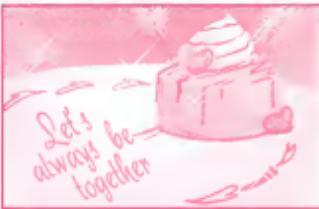
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